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Dear Facilitator,

It was great to see many of you at our 2006 facilitator conference at MacKenzie Environmental Education Center. The two days went fast, but were filled with great presentations on the new PLT guide revision training and current issues facing Wisconsin's natural resources. If you couldn't make it, we hope you are having a great summer and hope we see you soon!

Our New Look

We now have a new home Web page for our programs to help promote them jointly. Please help us promote our new page at: dnr.wi.gov/education/pltwildwet/. We also have a new e-mail address for sending out network newsletters and receiving inquiries from the public. Each of our staff can access the mailbox to provide better customer service: pltwildwet@dnr.state.wi.us. Please be sure to share this information to workshop participants so they may stay connected with our programs and find or order additional resources.

Office Matters

Our faithful assistant Betty has now retired and we will be hiring a new program assistant some time in August or early September. In the interim, please contact Chris and Janet (contact info. below) and note that we will both be on vacation during portions of August. **Please copy both of us on requests during August.** You can use our direct e-mails or use our new program e-mail address if you prefer.

You can help us keep things running smoothly by using and completing your workshop proposals and turning them in as soon as you schedule a workshop. Follow up your workshop by returning books/materials and submitting your reporting and workshop evaluation forms. Please remit payment as soon as possible and notify us of any special billing instructions. You will be rewarded for your thoroughness! Remember, the sooner you schedule a workshop with us, the better we can help you promote your workshop through our statewide networks.

Program Update

Chris and Janet had a busy June, presenting a one week two-credit course entitled "The Places You Live" at the Sally Ride Academy in West Allis. The 20 teachers who attended were delighted to be trained in PLT, WILD, WET and PLT Early Childhood, not to mention learning about the Green and Healthy Schools, air education, recycling, and EEK programs. We hope to offer a similar course next year based on this year's success. Janet Hutchens and Carrie Morgan also co-facilitated two different aquatic education workshops with Theresa Stabo, the DNR Angler Education coordinator, for secondary educators. They were trained in Project WET and WILD/Aquatic. Here is a list of the upcoming PLT/WILD/WET workshops that have been scheduled by our facilitator network <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eeek/teacher/calendar.htm>. Please help promote them to your networks.

PLT 2006 Guide Training

We were able to record the new PLT guide training, presented by Al Stenstrup, on a new technology that will enable us to share the training with all of you through various electronic methods. We're working on editing the training and hope to have something out soon since we have used up all old PLT guides in stock. All future workshops will receive the new PLT Prek-8 guides. We'll be sending out a correlation sheet on the guides in the interim to help acquaint you with the new materials and layout. If you have old PLT guides in storage, please send them back so that we can get an accurate inventory of our total book supply.

New PLT Guides for Trained Educators

Educators who have attended a Project Learning Tree (PLT) workshop in the past can now order PLT's new *PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide* directly from PLT for \$29.95, plus \$7.95 shipping and handling. The guide's newest features--reading connections, technology connections, differentiated instruction, and assessment strategies--help educators bring the environment into the classroom and still meet today's standards. The 480-page guide contains 96 multi-disciplinary activities, each carefully designed for specific grade levels and learning objectives, and correlated to national and state standards. All activities have been updated and revised; new activities address current issues such as invasive species and climate change. Visit <http://www.plt.org/> for details.

Workshop Policy Clarification

There has been some confusion about the workshop fees and procedures. As a reminder, it is a national policy for all three programs that we do not "sell" the books and participants do not "buy" the books. The books can only be obtained through a workshop and states charge a workshop fee. Participants pay for attending whether they accept the books or not, and billing shall reflect the number of participants and the type of workshop delivered. Books that are not used in a workshop should be returned along with any unused support materials and your reporting and evaluation forms. Some of our support materials are in limited supply. Payment should be prompt and please notify Janet if you have any special billing requirements. A workshop fee schedule and price list for support materials can be found on the [Facilitator Niche web page](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/pltwild/facil.htm) <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/pltwild/facil.htm>. A cover letter explaining these policies will be included in future workshop orders to help remind everyone. Please share this information in advance with any organizations you may work with in scheduling courses/workshops. Let Janet know if you have any questions.

Publications Update:

The *Children's Environmental Literature* publication stock is low and we need to reprint them after we make some corrections. We'll be sending one copy with workshop requests as a display copy. Please have participants order a copy through the Education Connection if they would like one, or, they can download it from the DNR Web site at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/teacher/childlit.htm>.

The *Correlations and Educational Materials* list for our programs is out of date and much of what is listed on there is no longer in print. Please discontinue using this form and refer workshop participants to the new Education Connection and our [educational resources Web page](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/pltwild/edres.htm) <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/pltwild/edres.htm>.

New Resources

- [PLT GreenWorks! Grants](http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_18.html) applications due September 29, 2006. *GreenWorks!* environmental action projects link classroom learning and the real world. By combining the environmental knowledge and resources of PLT with community action initiatives, *GreenWorks!* action projects make a difference in how young people think, in their sense of responsibility toward their communities, and in their understanding of their relationship to the environment. http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_18.html
- Wisconsin Forest Ecosystem poster with activity #48 from Project Learning Tree on the back and a forest ecosystem treasure hunt. (FR142).
- [Garlic Mustard publication](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/Publications/pdf/FR-350.pdf) <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/Publications/pdf/FR-350.pdf>. Check out a listing of all Forestry publications <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/Publications/>.
- Wisconsin Wood Products color brochure (FR-358) an overview of wood products from different tree types, industry info., and global economic impacts.
- [4th Grade Forestry Appreciation Week Writing Contest](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/UF/awareness/arborwriting.htm) <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/UF/awareness/arborwriting.htm>

- Please Don't Dump Your Aquarium! pocket information card. Order publication number WT842.

PLT/WILD/WET Fall conference/exhibiting schedule:

- [Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/FallConf2006/concurr.htm): October 27, Janet Hutchens, [Get Saturated... with Aquatic Education Resources!](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/FallConf2006/concurr.htm)
- [Wisconsin Education Association Council](http://www.weac.org/AboutWEA/2005-06/index.htm): October 27, Chris Tall & Christal Campbell, [Get Saturated... with Aquatic Education Resources!](http://www.weac.org/AboutWEA/2005-06/index.htm)

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